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JOHN MYER: "Officials of the National Student Association, after a three-day meeting in a hotel here in the capital, called to decide what to do in the wake of disclosures that the CIA has infiltrated their organization, called a news conference tonight.

"CBS News reporter Maria McLaughlin was there."

MCLAUGHLIN: "According to Sam Brown, board chairman of the National Student Association, the CIA not only used students to influence foreign student organizations that the Agency feared might come under communist control, but, says Brown, students were actually involved in spy activities."

BROWN: "They did, in fact, bring back information, some of them knowing that it was going to the CIA, probably the majority of them thinking that it was going only to the files of the National Student Association. But it is true that information of what would be probably considered the sensitive kind was returned by the National Student Association to the CIA covertly in the past without knowledge of the national supervisory board, the constituency or the great majority of its employees, staff or officers."

MCLAUGHLIN: "Brown went on, that before the young men were told of the CIA connections they were requested to take an oath of secrecy and were warned that violations could lead to a 20-year jail term. The next thing the students knew, they were working for the espionage agency and, as Brown put it, 'unable to escape.'"

MYER: "The NSA board chairman has also disclosed tonight, incidentally, that at times during the past several years 80 percent of the student group funding came from the Central Intelligence Agency."